

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the third paragraph at page 5 with the following paragraph:

“The drug composition according to the invention may also be applied repeatedly, whereby the consequently higher concentration of microparticles in the wound area permits a faster formation of granulation tissue. Simultaneously, a provisional extracellular matrix of organic (e.g. fibrin, collagen, polyactins ~~polyactons~~ etc.) or inorganic materials (calcium phosphate etc.) may be applied, which serves as a carrier substance for growth factors and as a scaffold for immigrating cells.”

Please replace the paragraph following the heading “Binding of Microparticles to a Provisional Extracellular Matrix containing Scaffolds” on page 10 with the following paragraph:

“A solution of a provisional ~~extracellular~~ extracellular matrix containing scaffolds is added to the sterile, virus-inactivated microparticle suspension prepared according to the above-mentioned process. The scaffolds may be cross-linkable biomaterials (fibrinogen, fibronectin, coagulation factor XIII, collagen), which may have been subjected to one or more procedures for virus inactivation, or organic (e.g. ~~polyactons~~ polyactins) or inorganic materials (e.g. calcium phosphates). The components may be used singly or in combination with each other. The mixing ratio of the microparticle suspension with the extracellular matrix should preferably be 1:3. In order to achieve appropriate shelf-life, the mixture is deep-frozen or freeze-dried according to the above-described process.”